

**WEST DES MOINES PUBLIC ARTS ADVISORY COMMISSION PROCEEDINGS**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2016**

The regular meeting of the West Des Moines Public Arts Advisory Commission was called to order on Thursday, March 24, 2016, by Tamara Kenworthy at 5:30p.m.

Commission present: Sedlacek, Boyd, Kenworthy, Crane, Luther (left at 5:50pm), Hammers, Lechtenberg  
Staff present: Superintendent of Recreation Greg Hansen, Superintendent of Parks Sally Ortgies, Parks & Recreation Secretary Sonya Coobs

**On Item 1. Approval of Agenda**

Hammers moved to approve the agenda. Lechtenberg seconded. Motion carried.

**On Item 2. Citizen Forum**

**On Item 3. Approval of Minutes – February 25, 2016**

Luther moved to approve the minutes. Crane seconded. Motion carried.

Luther had questions regarding the refreshments for the Launch Party. Hansen confirmed all the refreshments for the Launch Party will be taken care of by the City.

**On Item 4. Old Business**

**On Item 5. New Business**

**A. Motion- Participation in Art Raut Project**

Crane stated the general idea and the reasons for Art Raut was to direct pedestrians, cyclists and families along the route from Ingersoll to the East Village as a “way finding” experience at the crosswalks and paths to find the art in Des Moines. West Des Moines’s public art is relatively in one spot and the point of being involved was to capitalize on the excitement and enthusiasm that the Art Raut would bring to the citizens. Scott spoke to the artists doing the crosswalks and chevrons to have some kind of cost in mind to present to the Commission. He distributed a map showing the Commission the particular areas that a system would be used to lead the people to the art. Scott stated the idea of doing the Art Raut would be to connect with the metro downtown idea. Hammers questioned the cost and suggested getting prices before anything would be decided. Crane suggested Des Moines is paying higher because it would involve consultation, labor, equipment, paint, travel and other front end design costs. Scott would like to get an actual price and bring it back to the Commission. Kenworthy discussed having a chevron and arrows along the Art on the Trail sculptures. Scott pointed out to the Commission to wait for the sculptures it would be next spring before painting the trail. Crane stated keeping with the visual impression and the enthusiasm along the trails is important and waiting until warmer weather in the fall or 2017 spring might be better to have the company come back to do it all for West Des Moines. Sedlacek made the motion that the Community Service committee recommended and approves the design concept the Art Raut for West Des Moines. Crane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Motion – Recommendation to City Council- Funding for City Sounds Public Piano**

Scott explained what the “City Sounds” program is. The group approached the Valley Junction Foundation to see if they could place a public piano on 5<sup>th</sup> Street this year for the public to use. The Valley Junction Foundation then spoke to the Park and Recreation department to get approval

for its placement. The Exhibition Committee found in front of the Valley Junction Activity Center on 5<sup>th</sup> Street had the most room to offer and it would also keep the piano music from interfering with other music that takes place by other vendors during the farmer's market. The foundation would be responsible for the piano from May – October. The "City Sounds" would actually be responsible for maintenance and tuning. Lechtenberg made the motion to recommend to the City Council that the Commission would like to have funding of \$3,500 for the "City Sounds" public piano which will be placed in the public space in front of the Valley Junction Activity Center. Crane seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **On Item 6. Committee Reports**

### **A. Exhibition Committee**

Hansen gave a brief update of details for the party. Art on the Campus invitations have gone out for the Launch Party. Lechtenberg announced that Nicole Miller will be the entertainment from Valley High School. The Party will take the place of the April 28<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting.

### **B. Communication Committee**

Scott reported the committee reviewed the preliminary draft of the logo that Ann Shuman made. She had made two different options and the committee would like to suggest and give guidance on a third option. Lechtenberg has an interest in the development of the logo and requested an email be sent out to the Commission before final review so all could see it.

### **C. Community Service Committee**

Sedlacek stated the committee had met and worked on the recommendation for the Art Raut proposal that was voted on. Scott stated another meeting needs to be scheduled right away for the storm watershed project.

### **D. Trail Gateway Art Selection Committee**

Ortgies gave an update on the promotions of the Trail Gateway Art. There was a nice article in the Des Moines Register and the department has had two Facebook posts starring a talking beaver. Voting has reached over 5200 people and 1700 people have viewed the videos. The fox is in the lead with the owl, hawk, squirrel, rabbit and raccoon running close behind. The utility locates and soil borings will be done next week. The final proposal is not due until May 6<sup>th</sup> but artists are moving along quicker than they first proposed and hope to start the fabrication in June. Once the animals are selected a few posts on Facebook will be done to advertise the unveiling of the animals chosen by the public. The naming of the animals will come later once Scott and Ortgies have an opportunity to visit with the artist. The WDM and Waukee schools, teachers and students were notified and provided by email all the information as well.

### **E. Art Raut Committee**

See notes above with motion.

### **F. Historic West Des Moines Master Plan Committee**

Kenworthy stated she attended the public workshop and steering committee. The market research that was done by the Glen Lyons group, was presented as well. The Committee is narrowing in on the economic aspect and business and then the next workshop will be more on the quality of life.

## **On Item 7. Staff Reports**

### **A. Superintendent of Recreation**

No report

### **B. Superintendent of Parks**

No report

**C. Director of Parks and Recreation**

Scott stated in response to letters and calls to Councilmen, he and Kenworthy met and constructed a letter that addressed some of the concerns that the Councilmen had. Hammers thought a follow- up letter was warranted.

**On Item 8. Other Matters**

No report

**On Item 9. Receive, File and/or Refer**

**A. City Council Meeting Communications**

Hammers moved to adjourn. Sedlacek seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan Mathews

Parks & Recreation Administrative Secretary

ATTEST:

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Diane Boyd

Commission Secretary